

REMARKS

Claim 81 is currently pending, and is amended to advance prosecution of this application and without prejudice to the prosecution of subject matter cancelled by amendment in other patent applications. The amendment is supported by the specification and does not constitute new matter.

Claim 81 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. According to the Examiner, although claim 81 “encompasses [a] method of treating a subject having pancreatic cancer associated with ANY *ras* mutation (such as K-*ras*, H-*ras*, N-*ras*, or any other *ras* family member) . . . it appears that only the activating mutations of K-*ras* [have] been associated with pancreatic cancer” so that “only mutations of K-*ras* meet the written description provision of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.”

Claim 81 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement, because, according to the Examiner, the specification “does not reasonably provide enablement for treating a subject having pancreatic cancer associated with a *ras* mutation other than K-*ras* using a non-K-*ras* antisense oligonucleotide.”

To address both rejections, claim 81 is amended, without prejudice, to provide for methods that treat subjects having pancreatic cancer associated with K-*ras* mutation and which utilize antisense K-*ras* oligonucleotide. Because the bases for the rejection for lack of written description and the rejection for lack of enablement have been removed by amendment, both rejections should be withdrawn and claim 81 should be allowed to issue.

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An early allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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